

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 3349

Relating to fire protection

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Owens

HB 3349 authorizes the Oregon Department of Forestry to control and regulate the disposal and access to Department equipment. This includes the transfer of depreciated firefighting vehicles, equipment and supplies to Rangeland Protection Associations. The Department may assist the associations with maintenance and may purchase, dispose of, or contract for good and services either jointly with the associations, or separately.

The measure also creates the Rangeland Protection Association Fund to provide the associations with funding for firefighting and rangeland fire readiness; federal grant pursual; and the transfer of assets.

The amendment provides a one-time appropriation of \$1 million General Fund for deposit into the Rangeland Protection Association Fund and Other Funds expenditure limitation to spend monies in the fund.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 3349 be amended by the –A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.